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SUBJECT: DEATH OF US CITIZEN JOHN MATEESCU

FOR ARON AND DORIS TATARU
31-18 35TH ST
LONG ISLAND CITY
NEW YORK 11106

1. IT IS WITH PROFOUND REGRET THAT I MUST INFORM YOU OF THE
DEATH OF YOUR FRIEND JOHN MATEESCU ON JAN 12, 1978. HIS FRIEND,
MR MIHAIL MIHAILEANU INFORMED THE AMERICAN EMBASSY AT BUCHA-
REST ON THIS DATE OF HIS DEATH OF APPARENT NATURAL CAUSES
(OFFICIALLY DETERMINED CAUSE WILL BE INCLUDED IN REPORT TO BE
SUBMITTED.)

2. MR MATEESCU HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED BY HIS PASSPORT AND WAS
REGISTERED HERE AS A US CITIZEN.

3. THE EMBASSY IS TAKING CHARGE OF VALUABLES IN HIS APARTMENT
AND WILL WRITE TO YOU CONCERNING THEIR DISPOSITIONS.

4. MR MATEESCU, IN A LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT NOTARIZED AT THE
EMBASSY ON JANUARY 6, 1978 AND OF WHICH THIS OFFICE HAS A COPY,
INDICATED THAT HE WISHED HIS REMAINS TO BE SHIPPED
AND BURIED IN A VETERAN'S CEMETERY IN THE UNITED STATES.
IF BURIAL IN SUCH CEMETERY NOT POSSIBLE, HE WISHED TO BE
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BURIED IN ROMANIAN CEMETERY IN NEW YORK, NEXT TO HIS
WIFE LUCICA. MR MATEESCU INSTRUCTED THAT YOU BE NOTIFIED
OF HIS DEATH, AND AS HE INDICATED YOU HAVE A POWER OF
ATTORNEY FROM HIM AND ACCESS TO HIS BANK ACCOUNT, THAT YOU
FORWARD THE NECESSARY FUNDS AND NOTIFY THE REVEREND FATHER
GALDAU, ST DUMITRU ORTHODOX CHURCH, NEW YORK TO PERFORM
RELIGIOUS SERVICES AFTER REMAINS ARRIVE IN U.S.

5. REGRETFULLY I MUST DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE NEED TO MAKE URGENT ARRANGEMENTS..LOCAL LAW REQUIRES LOCAL BURIAL OR THAT ARRANGEMENTS BE MADE FOR SHIPMENT OF REMAINS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

6. PREPARATION AND AIR SHIPMENT OF REMAINS TO NEW YORK WOULD COST APPROXIMATELY \$3,000 (THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS).

7. PLEASE TAKE THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS:

A. TELEGRAPH INSTRUCTIONS PROMPTLY AND DIRECTLY TO AMERICAN EMBASSY, BUCHAREST, ROMANIA INCLUDING IN YOUR MESSAGE NAME OF DECEASED AND NAME AND ADDRESS OF US FUNERAL HOME YOU SELECT TO HANDLE ARRANGEMENTS IN NEW YORK.

B. TELEGRAPH REQUIRED FUNDS SEPARATELY AND PROMPTLY THROUGH DEPARTMENT OF STATE, DIRECTOR SPECIAL CONSULAR SERVICES, WASHINGTON, DC 20520, PAYABLE TO AMERICAN EMBASSY, BUCHAREST, ROMANIA.

IF YOU WISH YOU MAY HAVE THE U.S. FUNERAL HOME YOU SELECT MAKE THESE ARRANGEMENTS FOR YOU.

8. UPON RECEIPT OF REQUIRED FUNDS, YOUR INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE CARRIED OUT AS PROMPTLY AS CIRCUMSTANCES PERMIT. WE ESTIMATE APPROXIMATELY 4-5 DAYS WILL BE REQUIRED FOLLOWING UNCLASSIFIED

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RECEIPT OF FUNDS TO CARRY OUT YOUR INSTRUCTIONS. UPON COMPLETION OF ALL FORMALITIES, A FOREIGN SERVICE REPORT OF DEATH PREPARED BY THIS OFFICE WILL BE FORWARDED TO YOU.

9. EMBASSY UNAWARE IF ORIGINAL OF WILL ALREADY MAILED TO YOU BY DECEASED. IF NOT, AND WILL LOCATED, IT WILL BE FORWARDED TO YOU AT ONCE. IN A SEPARATE STATEMENT, OF WHICH EMBASSY HAS ALSO A COPY, MR MATEESCU DIRECTED THAT ITEMS IN HIS APARTMENT BE GIVEN TO HIS ROMANIAN FRIENDS, CONSTANTA AND MIHAIL MIHAILEANU. HIS WISHES IN THIS MATTER ARE BEING CARRIED OUT AS HE INSTRUCTED.

10. IF NECESSARY, YOU MAY CONTACT THE CONSULAR SECTION OF THIS EMBASSY BY PHONING 12-40-40 IN BUCHAREST, ROMANIA.

11. BE ASSURED OF MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY FOR THE LOSS OF YOUR FRIEND.

AMERICAN EMBASSY
BUCHAREST, ROMANIA
AGGREY

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